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INCOME TAX RETURNS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The number of income tax returns filed during assessment year 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in the salary circles of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Ahmedabad and Kolkata;

(b) the total number of Income Tax Officers and Assistant Commissioners attending to the work in salary circle of the above cities;

(c) whether the number of officers and staff in salary circles are inadequate to meet the existing demand; and

(d) if so, the remedial actions proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The number of salary returns filed during assessment years 1999-2000, 2000- 2001 and 2001-2002 in Delhi region has been 4.6 lacs, 5.25 lacs and 4.5 lacs respectively.

The number of salary returns filed during assessment years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in Mumbai region has been 5.39 lacs, 5.47 lacs and 6.28 lacs respectively.

The number of salary returns filed during assessment years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in Chennai region has been 1.62 lacs, 1.88 lacs and 1.09 lacs respectively.

The number of salary returns filed during assessment years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in Bangalore region has been 2.45 lacs, 2.54 lacs and 2.56 lacs (as on 31.7.01) respectively.

The number of salary returns filed during assessment years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in Ahmedabad region has been 1.23 lacs, 1.51 lacs and 1.40 lacs (as on 31.7.01) respectively.

The number of salary returns filed during assessment years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 in Kolkata region has been 4.68 lacs, 4.57 lacs and 4.45 lacs respectively.

(b) The number of officers working in Salary circles in Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore and Mumbai have been increased from 37 to 45, 12 to 21, 12 to 18 and 34 to 40 respectively during the current year. However, in case of Chennai and Kolkata, the number of officers are 19 and 36 respectively.

(c)&(d) The number of officers deployed is considered adequate. However, the deployment of manpower is made depending upon the work load and it is reviewed from time to time in order to ensure quality service to the public. Certain policy initiatives have been taken to improve the work methods by restructuring the income tax department, computerising the checking of tax calculation of income tax returns and by doing away with the requirement of prima-facie adjustment under section 143(1) so that the work load is reduced and the response time of service to public is minimized.